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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: REPORTED MULTILATERAL COMMITMENT  
TO RESIST U.S. INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION POLICY

REF: (A) STATE 183477 (NOTAL) (B) CARACAS 3064 (NOTAL)  
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1. AMBASSADOR MARIANO TIRADO, CHIEF, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CONFIRMED TO EMBOFFS AUGUST 3 THAT A MEETING WAS HELD JUNE 15-16, 1978 IN RIO DE JANEIRO AT WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE AND VENEZUELA DISCUSSED MEASURES TO COUNTERACT WHAT THEY REGARD AS DANGEROUS ASPECTS OF THE NEW U.S. INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT POLICY. ALTHOUGH COLOMBIA WAS NOT REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING TIRADO CLAIMED THAT COUNTRY CONCURRED IN THE GROUP'S PLAN OF ACTION AND OFFERED TO HOST THE NEXT MEETING.

2. THE FINAL ACT OF THE RIO MEETING CONTAINS A COMMITMENT BY THE SIGNATORIES NOT TO SIGN ANY BILATERAL CHARTER AGREEMENT (PRESUMABLY UNTIL A MULTI-LATERAL LATIN CHARTER POLICY IS DEVELOPED)  
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SPECIFYING THE TYPE OF CHARTERS WHICH WOULD BE PERMITTED UNDER SUCH AGREEMENTS). TIRADO STATED HE HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH DRAFTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A COMMON CHARTER POLICY. THE OBLIGATION WITH RESPECT TO FARES IS NOT TO APPROVE ANY FARES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SET BY IATA, OR A SIMILAR ORGANIZATION.

3. THE FIVE-NATION GROUP'S GENERAL STRATEGY APPEARS TO

AIM AT HAVING THEIR COMMON POSITIONS ON CHARTERS AND FARES  
ACCEPTED BY THE LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION (CLAC),  
WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN NOVEMBER. TIRADO RECOGNIZED THAT THE  
DIFFERENT INTERESTS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, STEMMING  
FROM WHETHER THEY ARE NET GENERATORS OR RECEIVERS OF CHARTER TRAFFIC,  
WILL MAKE ACHIEVMENT OF A RESTRICTIVE COMMON CHARTER POLICY DIFFICULT

(HE DOES NOT BELIEVE MEXICO WOULD ADHERE BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF  
TOURISM TO THAT COUNTRY.) HE SEEMED MORE SANGUINE AS TO THE PROSPECTS  
FOR AGREEMENT ON A COMMON POLICY FOR A FARE-SETTING MECHANISM, I.E.  
RETENTION OF IATA, OR CREATION OF A SIMILAR NON-GOVERNMENTAL BODY.  
IN AN ASIDE, TIRADO CHARACTERIZED CHILE AS THE COUNTRY LEAST  
LIKELY TO HONOR THE COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE FIVE-COUNTRY  
GROUP, IN HIS OPINION BECAUSE CHILE DOES NOT WANT TO OPENLY CONFRONT  
THE U.S. AT THIS TIME FOR POLITICAL REASONS. HE NEVERTHELESS  
APPEARS TO BELIEVE THAT THE REMAINING FOUR COUNTRIES CAN, WITH  
A UNITED FRONT, ACHIEVE SOME SOFTENING IN THE U.S. POSITIONS ON  
CHARTERS AND FARES. WE SUSPECT TIRADO IS ATTEMPTING TO PUT TOGETHER  
A COMMON FOUR-COUNTRY POSITION STRONGLY SUPPORTING IATA IN  
RESPONSE TO THE CAB'S REQUEST FOR COMMENTS IN ITS SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDI  
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ON IATA.

4. ALTHOUGH TIRADO ALLOWED EMBOFFS TO READ PORTIONS OF THOSE  
SECTIONS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE RIO MEETING DEALING WITH CHARTERS  
AND FARES, HE WAS NOT DISPOSED TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT.  
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5. FOR BOGOTA: REFTELS BEING REPEATED TO YOU.  
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